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### **City of Torrance to Re-Open Madrona Marsh**

Torrance, Calif., July 1, 2010 – The City of Torrance's Madrona Marsh Preserve (Preserve) plans to reopen next week to normal hours after closing briefly. The City of Torrance took a proactive step and closed the Madrona Marsh last Friday, June 25 after receiving a notice from Los Angeles County West Vector Control District. Through the notice, the City was informed of concerns regarding an increase in mosquito population count at Madrona Marsh. The Madrona Marsh Preserve is located at 3201 Plaza del Amo.

The City of Torrance places high priority on the safety and well-being of all community members. As such, the City is committed to providing safe facilities where community members can enjoy programs, events and activities. Since mosquitoes are closely associated with the West Nile Virus, the City decided to close the Preserve as a precautionary measure until a resolution can be reached.

At a meeting between City staff and Vector Control on Tuesday, June 29, 2010, the City was reassured that the existing mosquito population at the Marsh does not pose a public health hazard. The City has also developed a course of action approved by Vector Control to help manage and eradicate the mosquito population. With the safety and well-being of the Torrance community assured, the City of Torrance will hopefully reopen the Madrona Marsh Preserve starting on Thursday, July 8, 2010. The City appreciates the cooperation and patience of visitors and residents as staff addressed this issue. For more information please contact the Madrona Marsh Nature Center at (310) 782-3989.

#### ***About the Madrona Marsh Preserve***

*The Madrona Marsh is one of the last remaining vernal marshes in Los Angeles County. A vernal marsh is a depression in the land flooded by runoff water from surrounding upland slopes. Vernal means spring, thus by connotation the marsh is fed by winter and spring storms. The Preserve is a back dune habitat within the greater El Segundo Sand Dune System. The fine sand particles of this ancient dune system have been carried from the coastal dunes by winds for thousands of years.*

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